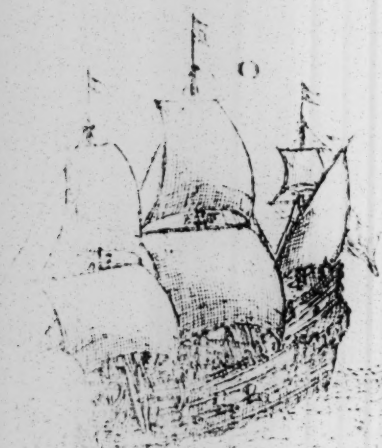
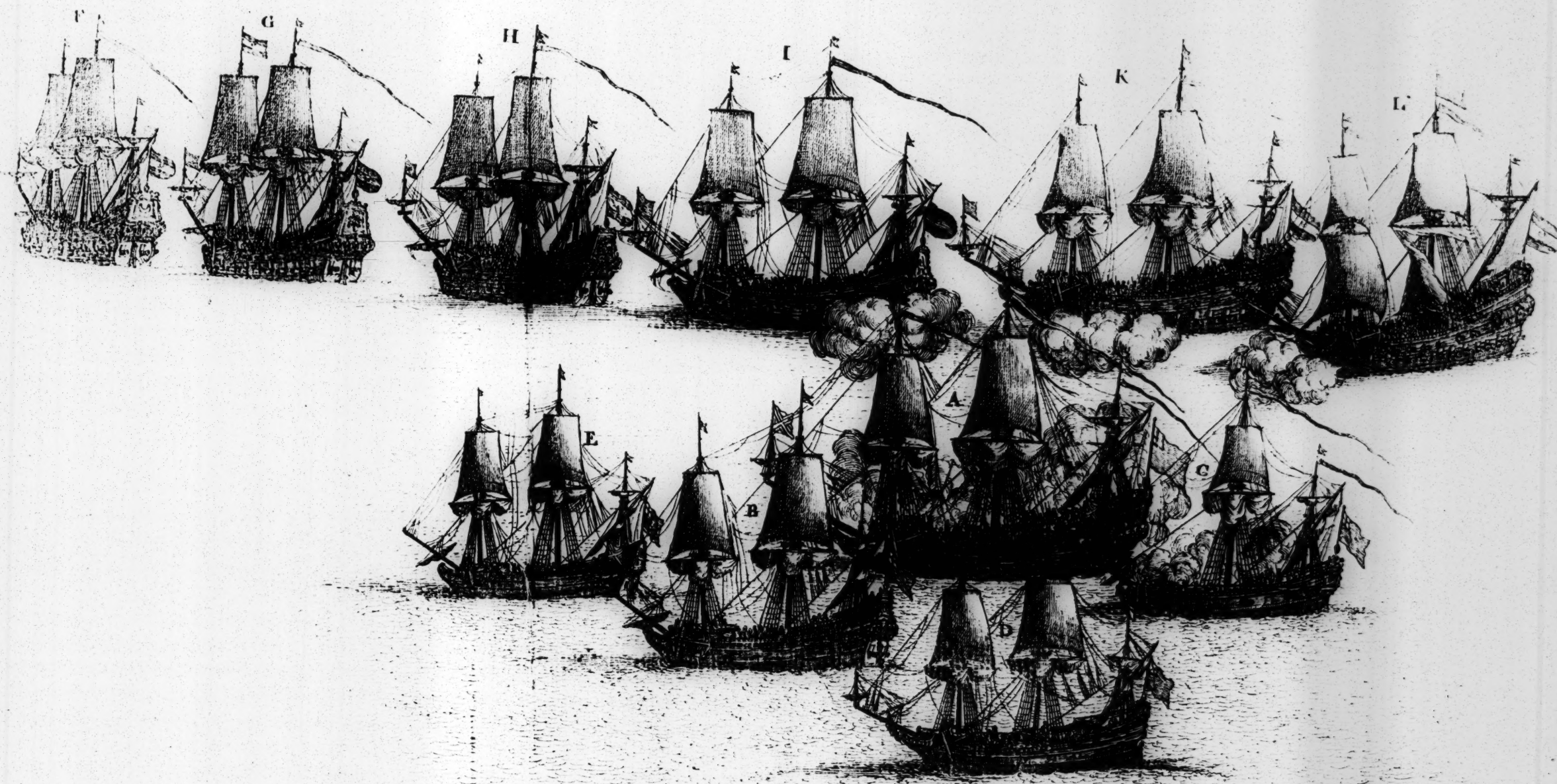


- A The Mary-Rose
- B The Ambercrombie Frigate a Merchant
- C The Roe Ketch
- D A Scotch Merchant bound for Cadiz
- E A Pinck which came with us from Lamer bound for Salee
- F The Half-Moon an Alger Man of War who changing first had 50 Guns and 100 men
- G Another Frigate being the Vice Admiral 50 Guns 280 Men
- H A French Frigate 50 Guns 200 Men
- I Whitehead 50 Guns 210 Men
- J The Hart 28 Guns 200 Men
- K Golden-Lion the Turks Admiral he had 51 Guns 300 Men
- L The Scotch Frigate following the Prize
- M The Prize
- N A French Merchant



A True Relation of Capt Kempthorn's Engagement, in the Mary-Rose, with seven Alger Men of War.

AUG 1660, in the beginning of December, His Excellency the Lord Ambassador Henry Howard, having obtain'd from the Emperor of Barbary, Taffaleta, a Letter of Security to his content, had resolv'd to prosecute his Journey to the Court; to which end, he order'd his Baggage, and most of his Retinue, to be Embarqu'd in the *Mary-Rose*, which had Transported him from England; and purpos'd himself, with some few of his Gentlemen and Servants, to the number of fifteen or sixteen, to go by Land, and the Ship by Sea to Salee; resolving, as soon as we were under Sail, to begin his Journey also.

Thus accordingly we set Sail on Wednesday the eighth of the said Month, at two a clock in the morning, with the Wind at North-East, along the Shore of Barbary; and having pass'd *Argila* that Evening, after Midnight, we overtook a great Flyboat of 300 Tuns; and finding her to be an English Vessel, freighted with Deal, Malts, Salt, and Tobacco, coming from New-England, or those Parts, and taken by the Alger Men of War off the Cape St. Vincent, being bound for Cadiz, we took, and made Prize of her; and having found 22 *Turks* aboard her, and three *Christians*, one a *Russian*, and two *Englishmen*, we transported them aboard us, and sent other Men aboard her; and having examin'd the Principal of them, found them to belong to a Squadron of Alger Men of War, who were Cruising in those Seas: But the Prize being heavy laden, and a bad Sailer (inasmuch that we were forc'd to tow her) did much prolong our Voyage, as that we could not arrive till Saturday at Noon before Salee: Yet that slowness did us a Courtesy for that time, though a Discourtesy afterwards; for having for the most part of the Forenoon taken notice of a Barque keeping betwixt us and the Shore, and thinking her to be otherwise than the prov'd afterwards, Captain Kempthorn sent his Ketch to speak with her: In the mean time we arriv'd

before Salee; and having handsomely trimm'd our Ship with Tents and other Ornaments, and cast Anchor, we Saluted the Town with 11 Guns, and receiv'd for Answer, Silence. However, we made ready for Landing; and first the Steward onely, in a Pinace with another Gentleman, rowed towards the Shore; and while that was doing, we saw at a distance, that our Ketch had overtaken the Barque, and after a little time of Conference let her go with discharging of a Gun; which Barque made with full Sails towards us, to our great admiration; till coming nearer, we perceiv'd that she bore the King of Englands Colours, and discharg'd two Guns: Then we concluded, that it was some extraordinary Message from his Excellency; therefore the Captain commanded to discharge a Gun, and to make a Waft for those who were rowing towards the Shore, who seeing that, turn'd back again, and came aboard: And the Vessel, being a Brigantine belonging to *Tanger*, having aboard her a Gentleman of Quality, and a Captain, with 40 Soldiers, and 6 Brass Guns, did also approach, and deliver'd his Message, which was, That we should not Land, but rather get aboard, if we could; all those who were ashore before, with the Goods also, matters at *Tanger* since our departure being much alter'd; and had we not been retar'd by the fore-mention'd Prize, this Message would have come too late.

However, we stay'd there till Munday, and seeing there could nothing be effected, in getting those People aboard (because they were dar'd) and a Storm being at hand forcing us from the Shore, we took the Sea; and having fastned the said Brigantine at our Stern, we Cruis'd that night and the day following, in a Storm, far in the Sea, all the Men of the Brigantine being aboard her, and suffer'd much. This evening we saw two *Turks* Men of War afar off; and at night was a very great Storm, so that we were forc'd to take all the Men of the Brigantine aboard us, and to let her to be call away. Next day, the 15, the Weather continued: Toward evening we saw again a *Turks* Man of War, chasing a Spanish Vessel, but

having perceiv'd us making towards him, he fled: By and by we saw Land, it being *La Rotta* on the Spanish Coast; which we could not reach, the Storm blowing out of the *Levant*, but were forc'd to keep at Sea further off, and there to be tof'd all that night and the day after. The 17, came to us a French *Canary* Man, bound for Cadiz; by and by, a Scotchman, from the same place: We saw also two *Turks* Men of War; therefore those two Ships came to us for Protection. Next morning at break of day we discover'd seven *Turks* Men of War; and because their Course was towards us, therefore all possible Preparation was made aboard us for the fight, and all that might be hurtful, or hinder us, remov'd, and thrown overboard, and our aforesaid Prize forsaken, the Men taken aboard into the *Mary-Rose*, and the Ship let drive before the Wind. The same day before noon the *Turks* pass'd by us; but neither Party attempted anything; yet our Preparation went on to the utmost of our power.

In the mean time, one of the *Turks* Ships, being a slow Sailer, and full of Men (being the *Half-Moon*) lagg'd about an English Mile behind the rest; so that they were forc'd to stay for her, and to send out two Boats Mamm'd to tow her. Our Captain seeing that, who was near betwixt them both, sent also a Boat with Men to intercept theirs, which caus'd a small skirmish among them; but when we saw that the *Turks* put out another Boat strongly provided, our Captain commanded to make a Waft for our Men to come back again: After that, we saw them to stand close together, no doubt, to consult what was to be done; and we still preparing, till about three a clock they began to charge, whereupon ensued a hot service, and much harm done on both sides; but the night being at hand, they retir'd a little way, and there stay'd till day, observing our Motion; and because they should not think that we would run away at night, Captain Kempthorn commanded Lights to be set out, that they might see where we were; and to having taken some rest the same night, early in the morning we were alarm'd again; and having

perform'd Solemn Prayers, immediately every one repair'd to his Station, for they were coming: And all things being well order'd, especially that every other Gun should be fir'd at every Ship, to preserv the rest for the second; by which means, every one of the *Turks* Men of War receiv'd a sufficient opposition. We had also, besides our ordinary Ships Crew, about 70 Land-Soldiers of *Tanger*, and about 40 of his Excellencies Retinue; in all about 250 Men.

Thus began the Fight with a great courage; and they coming in a Line from the South-East Quarter, the *Half-Moon* was the foremost, and having come within Pistol-shot, gave us his Small-shot, and his Broad-side, and receiv'd as much from us, and then having pass'd, bore off a little toward the Starboard, North-East; the same order kept all the rest, the *Golden-Lion*, or Admiral being in the Rear, with intention to board us: After we had receiv'd these five Broad-sides, even as he was coming up, with more Sails spread than the rest, he receiv'd a Shot betwixt Wind and Water, and another which tore his Main-Sail from end to end, and being thus disabled, stood off: His Companions seeing that, rack'd about, and compassing him round, went away fore the Wind with all speed, which put an end to the Fight, God be thanked. The seventh Ship all that while was pursuing our Prize, by which means we had one Enemy the less. Thus we follow'd our Course, having lost that day in the time of the Fight our French Ship Companion, and the following night, the Scotchman and the Pink; which Pink having aboard a number of *Jews*, *Armenians*, and the like Companions, having during the Fight revolted against the Master of the Vessel, endeavour'd to comply with the *Turks*, and having given some Signal, bore towards them: they mistrust-ing it to be a Fire-ship, began to avoid; but our Captains providence hinder'd that Design. There were kill'd aboard us 11 Persons, 17 wounded, and the Ship much damm'd. The next day in the evening we arriv'd in the Bay of Cadiz, being December 30. S. F. 1669.